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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Confirmation No. 3440

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NEW GENES CONTAINING A DNA
SEQUENCE CODING FOR
HYDROXYNITRILE LYASE,
RECOMBINANT PROTEINS DERIVED
THEREFROM AND HAVING
HYDROXYNITRILE LYASE
ACTIVITY, AND USE THEREOF

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice dated September 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, between lines 4 and 6, insert the following headings:

Background of the Invention

1. Field of the Invention

replace the paragraph beginning at line 6 with the following paragraph: